

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

--An image heating apparatus has ~~comprises~~ an endless film which has a metal layer; ~~means~~ a device for increasing the temperature of the film; a regulating member for preventing the lopsided movement of the film; and a lubricating part disposed in a contact part between the film and the regulating member. An image on a recording material is heated by heat from the film. ~~Thus, the destruction of the end of the film which has the metal layer can be prevented, and the driving of the film can be facilitated.--~~